

## **Idaho State Department of Education Educational Technology**

For information and assistance with an internet security plan, please feel free to contact –

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### **Technology Grants –**

#### **Federal Funds – Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) – Title II-D Funds**

Is a federal technology grant program administered by the Idaho State Department of Education. Idaho receives approximately \$2.5 million a year from the U.S. Department of Education. Half of the funds are distributed based upon the school or district Title I-A percentage and half of the funds are distributed based upon a competitive grant process.

#### 2006-2007 Formula Grant -

- Allocation amounts and the application will be posted on the following web site <http://www.sde.state.id.us/bots/> in August, 2006.

#### 2006-2007 Competitive Grant –

- The application will be posted on the following web site <http://www.sde.state.id.us/bots/> in August, 2006 and will be due November 17, 2006.

#### **Federal Funds – E-rate**

Is a federal program to bring discounted telecommunications services (local, long distance phone service, fax, and cell phone service and internet access) to schools and libraries. The amount of discount is based upon the free and reduced lunch percentage of the school. The program is administered by the Universal Service Administration Company (USAC). The web site with information is <http://www.universalservice.org/sl/>

There are several forms that must be completed as a school or library is going through the bidding process to establish telecommunications vendors. I have posted a PowerPoint presentation which outlines the process at the following url - <http://www.sde.state.id.us/bots/Grants.asp>

Applications (Form 471) must be completed during a filing window. The window will open sometime in November and close sometime in January.

**District Technology Plan – All federal grants require that a school or district have an approved technology plan.**

- Schools or districts can use the Tech Plan Builder on the following web site - <http://www.sde.state.id.us/bots/> or they can submit in a Microsoft Word document or in Adobe Acrobat.
- If you would like to use the Tech Plan Builder, please contact Dawn Wilson at 208.332.6971 or [dewilson@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:dewilson@sde.idaho.gov) to get your school name and password added to the system.

**State Technology Funds** – Idaho Council for Technology in Learning (ICTL) funds are state technology funds. Funds are distributed based upon the average daily attendance (ada) of the school the previous year. New charter schools are not eligible for these funds the first year of operation.

Schools or districts must complete two reports to receive the funds -

District Phase I Report

- Is a district and school technology inventory and survey with a link on the following web site <http://www.sde.state.id.us/bots/> and is due in July.
- Allocation amounts will be posted in August, 2006.

District Phase II Report

- Is a budget and budget narrative for the expenditure of technology funds with a link on the following web site <http://www.sde.state.id.us/bots/> and is due in October.

**Idaho Engineering and Environment Laboratory Education Research and Transfer Program (INL) -**

- Is a program whereby schools can request recycled computers from INL by submitting an application (located at the following url - <http://www.sde.state.id.us/bots/grants.asp>
- The school can request up to 36 computers per school and up to two printers. The requests must be made in computer increments of 6 because that is how many fit on a pallet.
- Schools are responsible for picking up the computers (or paying for shipping) at INL (a forty minute drive west of Idaho Falls) when they are ready, Bill Jones will call them to arrange pick-up or shipping.

## **Overview of Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)**

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was signed into law on December 21, 2000. Under CIPA, no school or library may receive E-rate discounts unless it certifies that it is enforcing a policy of Internet safety that includes the use of filtering or blocking technology. This Internet Safety Policy must protect against access, through computers with Internet access, to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or (in the case of use by minors) harmful to minors. The school or library must also certify that it is enforcing the operation of such filtering or blocking technology during any use of such computers by minors. The law is effective for E-rate Funding Year 4 (07/01/2001 to 06/30/2002) and for all future years. Schools and libraries receiving only Telecommunications Services are excluded from the requirements of CIPA for E-rate funding.

For the E-rate Funding Year 4 (07/01/2001 to 06/30/2002), applicants must certify on their Form 486 by October 28, 2001 either that they are in compliance with CIPA (see below), or that they are undertaking actions (see below) to put into place an Internet Safety Policy and to procure the filtering or blocking technology. For E-rate Funding Year 5 (07/01/2002 to 06/30/2003) schools and libraries must certify on their Form 486 that they are in compliance with CIPA in order to receive universal service discounts. In general, local communities are responsible for determining what constitutes prohibited material and appropriate actions by schools and libraries.

### **Compliance with the requirements of CIPA**

These requirements are:

#### **1. Technology Protection Measure**

A Technology Protection Measure is a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access. It must protect against access by adults and minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or - with respect to use of computers with Internet access by minors - harmful to minors. It may be disabled for adults engaged in bona fide research or other lawful purposes. For schools, the policy must also include monitoring the online activities of minors.

#### **2. Internet Safety Policy**

The Internet Safety Policy must address the following issues:

- a. access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
- b. the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- c. unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online;
- d. unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and
- e. measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors.

### 3. Public Notice and Hearing

The authority with responsibility for administration of the school or library must provide reasonable public notice and hold at least one public hearing to address a proposed Technology Protection Measure and Internet Safety Policy.

#### **Documentation for "undertaking actions"**

For a school or library to be able to make the certification, it must be able to demonstrate that action was taken by the start of services for Funding Year 4 (July 1, 2001). SLD will not request this documentation as part of the Form 486 filing process, but the school or library must maintain this documentation in its files for audit purposes.

An undertaken action is an action which can be documented and which moves the school or library toward compliance. If a school or library has already provided reasonable public notice and at least one public hearing or meeting relating to an Internet Safety Policy and Technology Protection Measure that meets all the requirements listed above, that school or library has complied with the public notice and hearing requirements of CIPA.

#### **Following are a few examples, not an exhaustive list, of documentation that could demonstrate that a school or library is "undertaking actions" to comply with CIPA:**

- a. A published or circulated school or library board agenda with CIPA compliance cited as a topic.
- b. A circulated staff meeting agenda with CIPA compliance cited as a topic.
- c. A Service Provider quote requested and received by a recipient of service that contains information on a Technology Protection Measure.
- d. A draft of an RFP or other procurement procedure to solicit bids for the purchase or provision of a Technology Protection Measure.
- e. An agenda or minutes from a meeting open to the public at which an Internet Safety Policy was discussed.
- f. An agenda or minutes from a public or nonpublic meeting of a school or library board at which procurement issues relating to the acquisition of a Technology Protection Measure were discussed.
- g. A memo to an administrative authority of a school or library from a staff member outlining the CIPA issues not addressed by an Accessible Use Policy currently in place.
- h. A memo or report to an administrative authority of a school or library from a staff member describing research on available Technology Protection Measures.
- i. A memo or report to an administrative authority of a school or library from a staff member which discusses and analyzes Internet Safety Policies in effect at other schools and libraries.